



OAKLAND INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION INC.

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Oakland, Iowa
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Oakland Industrial Foundation supports the City Council in their plan to remove unsightly, abandoned and hazardous buildings on Main Street.

It will add to the beauty of the downtown area where other businesses have already completed many improvements.

Sincerely,

Phil Reed, President

Oakland Chamber of Commerce

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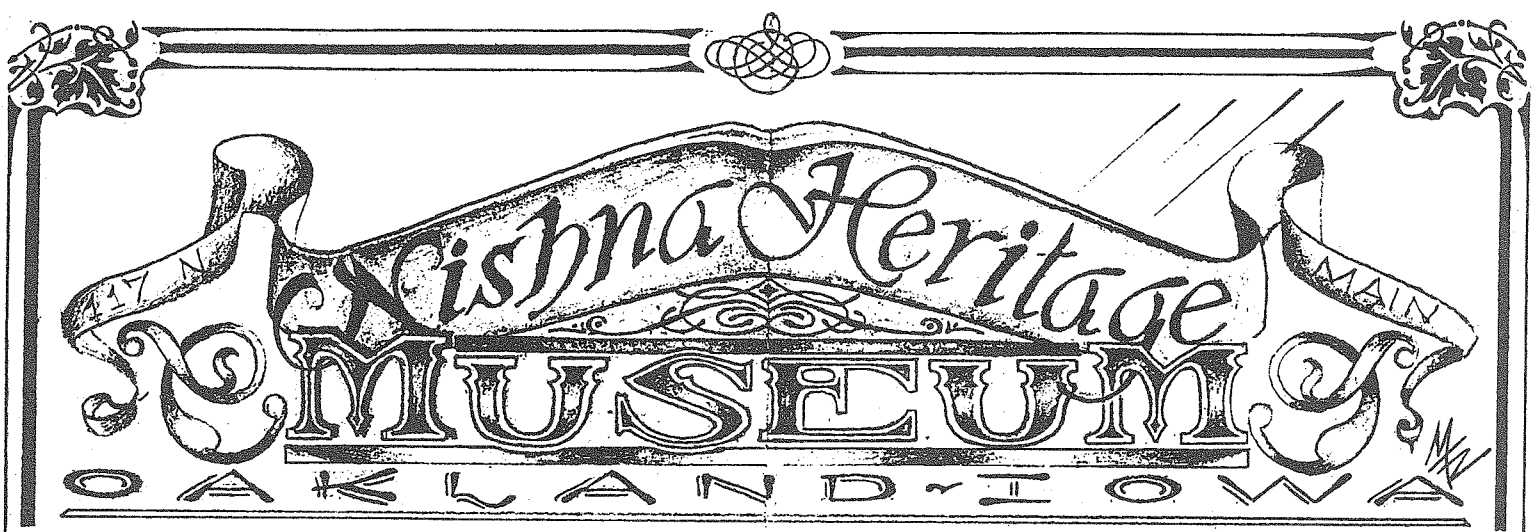
To Whom It May Concern:

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce supports the City of Oakland in the removal of some of the buildings on Main Street. We believe that the removal of these buildings would be beneficial not only for the betterment of our community, but also for the safety of our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynelle Jeppesen".

Lynelle Jeppesen
Vice President
Oakland Chamber of Commerce



To -----The City of Oakland

From ----- Oakland Historical Society

Subject -----Information and concerns if Masonic bldg. were to be demolished.

We have looked at the wall between the Masonic bldg. and ours and found it to be a common wall with ours. The ends of our rafters are in pockets of the wall. If the building were to be razed and no care given to support the wall, the roof of our bldg would collapse. Dick Kates voiced concerns that if the wall was preserved there would still be problems with the wall shifting after the fact and still destroying our bldg. Also, if the floor is removed the same problem would arise. When the wall became exposed to the elements it would no doubt deteriorate rapidly since it has been covered since the 1800's.

As you know the building houses hundreds if not thousands of artifacts.

Over the past few years we have invested in repairs and renovations totaling \$95,650.00 Including heating systems \$26,000.00, roof \$31,000, bathroom \$7000.00, bldg. front \$6,600.00, rear of bldg. \$25,000.00. We are presently taking bids to replace the front sidewalks which will bring the total over \$100,000.00.

We would ask that we be included in planning the demolition.

Thank You